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SUBJECT: MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT SADAT TO PRESIDENT FORD

1. WHEN MEETING WITH FAHMY THIS AFTERNOON, HE
HANDED ME A SIGNED LETTER, UNDATED BUT PRESUMABLY
OF TODAY'S DATE, FROM PRESIDENT SADAT TO PRESIDENT
FORD. TEXT FOLLOWS:

2. QUOTE DEAR MR. PRESIDENT,

I WAS VERY PLEASED TO RECEIVE YOUR KIND LETTER
OF DECEMBER 9, 1975. MAY I SEIZE THIS OPPORTUNITY
TO REITERATE HOW MUCH MRS. SADAT AND I HAVE ENJOYED
OUR VISIT TO YOUR GREAT AND HOSPITABLE COUNTRY?

AS I HAVE MENTIONED TO YOU, OUR STAY WAS
EXTREMELY FRUITFUL AND REWARDING. ABOVE ALL,
IT WAS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO MEET AGAIN WITH
YOU AND YOUR WONDERFUL FAMILY IN AN
ATMOSPHERE OF GENUINE FRIENDSHIP AND UNDERSTANDING.
I HAVE ALWAYS FOUND YOU A STATEMAN OF VISION AND
COMPASSION. YOUR CONCERN FOR PEACE AND COOPERATION
AMONG NATIONS IS MOST GENUINE AND REASSURING.

UNDER YOUR WISE AND ENLIGHTENED LEADERSHIP,

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THE UNITED STATES IS HIGHLY QUALIFIED TO PLAY THE

CONSTRUCTIVE AND POSITIVE ROLE WHICH IS COMMENSURATE WITH ITS AWESOME GLOBAL RESPONSIBILITIES. THE MIDDLE EAST PROBLEM IS A GOOD CASE IN POINT, WHERE A CONSISTENTLY POSITIVE AMERICAN ROLE IS VITAL FOR ACHIEVING PROGRESS IN THE INTEREST OF WORLD PEACE AS WELL AS THE INTEREST OF OUR REGION. WITH THIS IN MIND, I HASTEN TO ADD THAT WE EXPECT THE UNITED STATES TO SPARE NO EFFORT IN THE QUEST FOR A JUST AND DURABLE PEACE SETTLEMENT. I AM CERTAIN THAT YOU REALIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF MAKING A SIGNIFICANT BREAKTHROUGH IN THE COMING FEW MONTHS WITH RESPECT TO THE ISSUE OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE. THERE HAVE BEEN SOME ENCOURAGING SIGNS RECENTLY IN THIS CONNECTION AND I HOPE THIS TREND WILL CONTINUE, FOR IT WOULD DEFINITELY STIMULATE THE PROCESS OF PEACE. THE RENEWED ASSURANCE WHICH YOUR LETTER SPELLED OUT WITH REGARDS TO YOUR GOVERNMENT'S DETERMINATION NOT TO ALLOW THE SLACKENING OF YOUR EFFORTS TOWARD PEACE IS WELL RECEIVED AND APPRECIATED. I WAS PLEASED ALSO TO RECEIVE THE INFORMATION AMBASSADOR EILTS CONVEYED TO ME UPON HIS RETURN TO CAIRO RELATIVE TO THE AMERICAN POSITION.

AS TO THE BILATERAL RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO PEOPLES AND COUNTRIES, I AM PLEASED TO NOTE THAT THEY ARE DEVELOPING IN THE MANNER WE ENVISAGE AND ALONG THE LINES WE LAID DOWN TOGETHER. I HAVE NO DOUBT THAT THEY WILL CONTINUE TO DEVELOP FURTHER IN THE MONTHS TO COME. YOU MAY REST ASSURED THAT WE, ON OUR PART, REMAIN MOST WILLING AND READY TO DO ALL THAT WE CAN TO ENHANCE OUR MUTUAL COOPERATION.

IN CONCLUSION, I WOULD LIKE YOU TO KNOW THAT WE WENT BACK HOME WITH THE BEST MEMORIES OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AND THEIR WARMTH. WHEREVER WE WENT, WE WERE SURROUNDED BY FRIENDLY AND HOSPITABLE PEOPLE. PLEASE CONVEY TO EVERYONE WE MET DURING OUR STAY AND IN PARTICULAR MRS. FORD OUR HEARTFELT
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GRATITUDE AND SINCERE THANKS.

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